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SUBJECT: WFP/NIGER 2102Q

1. MULTI PURPOSE PROJECT FOR RURAL DEVELOPEMENT WITH THREE ACTIVITIES:

A. WELL CONSTRUCTION - SELF HELP BY VILLAGERS SUPERVISED BY TRAINED WORKERS FROM OFFICE FOR UNDERGROUND WATERS (OFEDES). PRESENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM AIMS AT ABOUT 352 WELLS 17,600 LINEAR METERS. 196 TEAMS FIVE MAN EACH 980 WORKERS, 29,400 MAN DAYS PER MONTH 264,600 MAN DAYS FOR 9 MONTH PERIOD 1,323,000 RATIONS 400 GRAMS SORGHUM 20 VEGETABLE OIL. THIS IS PART OF HOPED FOR 3 YEAR PROGRAM EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, UNICED, SWISS, CIDA (CANADA).

B. COMMUNITY WORKS IN AGADES - INVOLVES ACCELERATION ON SELF HELP BASIS IN ERHAZER AREA OF TRIAL UNDP/OTC/FAO/WHO PROJECT DESIGNED TO FOSTER CONTROLLED CATTLE RAISING IN ESSENTIALLY NOMATIC AREA MARKED BY INCREASED DESERTIFICATION AND LIVESTOCK LOSSES. ACTIVITIES INCLUDES REPAIR OF ESHAZER DAM, DEVELOPMENT IRRIGATED 600 HECTARE AREA AT TIGHERWITH, RECLAMATION NATURAL VEGETATION BY IMPROVED DISTRIBUTION RUNNING WATER AND CONSTRUCTION ANTI-EROSIAN WORKS. ALSO INVOLVED IMPROVEMENT/REPAIR ROADS CONSTRUCTION/RESTORATION MATERNITY CENTERS, SCHOOLS, ETC. WFP ASSISTANCE REQUESTED AS INCENTIVE AND COMPENSATION ABOUT 300 WORKERS 220 DAYS 660 MAN DAYS 3.3 MILLION RATIONS.

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C. REFORESTATION INWORTH OF DALLOL-MAOURI REGION. GOVERNMENT

HAS REQUESTED WFP ASSISTANCE AS INCENTIVE TO VILLAGERS TO PLANT 8000 HECTARES/ACACIA/ /ALBIDA/ IN TURN DESIGNED INCREASE MILLET AND SORGHUM YIELDS. SUPERVISION IN MINISTRY OF RURAL ECONOMICS (SERVICE DES EAUX ET FORETS), TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BY UNDP/FAO PROJECT FOR AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT WHICH UNDERWAY, LOCATED DOSSO. ESTIMATE 50 MAN DAYS PR HECTARE, 400,000 MAN DAYS 2 MILLION RATIONS.

2. TOTAL COMMODITIES REQUESTED 2649 MT SORGHUM 132.5 VEGETABLE OIL (SAME QUANTITY CANNED FISH FROM NON US SOURCES). FOR ONE HALF COMMODITIES (WELL CONSTRUCTION AND REFORESTATION ACTIVITIES) PLAN TO DISCHARGE COTONOU DELIVER NIGER AUTHORITIES AT DOSSO. STORE DOSSO WFP WAREHOUSE FOR REFORESTATION PROJECT, TRANSPORTATION TO VILLAGES EACH WEEK. FOR WELL PROJECT STORAGE MARADI, TAHAOUA AND ZINDER FOR VEHICLE DELIVERY TO WORK SITES. OTHER HALF COMMODITIES DISCHARGE APAPA DELIVER ZINDER THEN SENT TO CENTRAL STORES AGADEZ; THEN TO WORK SITES BY PROJECT TRUCKS. SIS ISSUED 22 JANUARY 3-42009 FOR 1329 SORGHUM COTONOU 3-42012 FOR 1320 SORGHUM APAPA BOTH MARCH ARRIVAL.

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